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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6139

BILL NUMBER: SB 146

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 18, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Student members on state board of education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bowser

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for the appointment of two high school students as nonvoting members of the State Board of Education. The bill establishes a recommendation committee to recommend students for appointment by the Governor.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The addition of two high school students to the State Board of Education would require a minimal increase in administrative expenses to the Board, however, these expenses would be absorbed within the Department of Education's existing budget.

Additional cost would consist of the standard compensation for Board members: salary of \$2,000 per year, per diem allowance of \$26 per day, reimbursement for travel at \$.345 per mile, and lodging at \$79 per night.

In CY 2000, the Board met 11 times (two days per meeting.) In CY 2001, the Board met eight times (two days per meeting) and met in a ninth meeting for one day.

As an example, assuming the Board met monthly for two days, annual compensation and per diem for two additional members of the Board would be about \$5,250 [\$4,000 + (\$104 x 12)]. Travel and lodging expense would depend on the distance traveled by the student members.

The Department would be required to assign an employee as a participant on the Student Member Recommendation Committee. Members of this committee would receive no compensation.

Background- Under current law, the Board is comprised of ten members in addition to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The members are appointed by the Governor, and at least one member must be appointed from each congressional district in Indiana. No more than six members may be from the same political party, and at least four members must be active educators.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: High school principals would be required to write letters of recommendation for prospective students for submission to the Board. School corporations would have a minimal increase in administrative duties due to this provision.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education; State Board of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Indiana State Board of Education Website: www.doe.state.in.us/stateboard/

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